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SUBJECT: STALLED MARRIAGE CASES

1. FOLLOWING REQUEST BY EUR/SOV OFFICER, SOVIET EMBASSY
CONSUL ANDROSSOV ON JANUARY 24 REPORTED ON STATUS OF
VISA APPLICATIONS FOR SIX AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE TRIED
TO MARRY SOVIET CITIZENS. ANDROSSOV SAID HIS EMBASSY
HAD REFERRED THE NAMES TO MFA'S CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION AND
HAD GOTTEN AN ADMITTEDLY "UNENCOURAGING" RESPONSE.

2. ONE CASE, TIMOTHY LOOS, HAS BEEN RESOLVED. (LOOS HAS
RECEIVED A VISA TO PERMIT HIM TO MEET HIS JANUARY 25 MARRI-
AGE DATE).

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3. IN TWO CASES, SHEILA CONLON AND KATHLEEN RENCK, SOVIET
RESPONSE WAS THAT APPLICATIONS FOR PRIVATE VISITS WERE STILL
PENDING BUT THAT THEIR FIANCES IN THE SOVIET UNION HAD NOT
PURSUED THE MATTER WITH LOCAL OVIR'S IN ORDER TO OBTAIN
PERMISSION FOR THE VISITS. EUR/SOV OFFICER TOLD ANDROSSOV
THIS LATTER INFORMATION WAS, FROM WHAT DEPARTMENT KNEW
PATENTLY INACCURATE.

4. ANDROSSOV SAID MFA'S RESPONSE, IN THE CASES OF KELLY CHERRY, ARA SANENTZ AND GEORGE SZOSTKOWSKA, WAS THAT "THE SOVIET UNION IS CLOSED TO THESE INDIVIDUALS." NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN.

5. DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO PURSUE THESE CASES. VANCE

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